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A CONNECTOR DEVICE FOR COUPLING OPTICAL
FIBERS, AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 0- 48 of the application with claims 1-49 as follows:

1. A connector device for optically coupling an optical fiber to another optical component to deliver light to or receive light from it, wherein the positional relationship between the end of the said optical fiber and the said other optical component is determined by means for locating the end of the said optical fiber in a predetermined position both parallel to and transverse the length of the fiber with respect to the said optical component.